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2. Bauxite Imports from Hungary

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1954:

a. Expressed in days' requirements:

Railroad District	Date in April			
	2	3/4	5	6
Berlin	6.9	6.5	7.1	6.7
Greifswald	8.3	9.3	9.5	8.4
Schwerin	7.2	6.5	6.6	6.6
Magdeburg	5.0	5.0	4.9	4.5
Halle	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0
Erfurt	6.0	6.4	6.0	5.0
Dresden	6.5	7.2	7.3	6.5
Cottbus	5.9	5.8	6.0	5.7

Total average 6.3 5.9 5.9 6.0 1

b. Coal stocks on 3/4 April expressed in metric tons:

Hard coal	59,573	
Brown coal	46,676	
briquettes		
Brown coal dust	245	
Raw brown coal	1,269	2

25X1 2. [redacted] no bauxite shipments from Hungary arrived in East Germany during
January 1954.³3. As hard coal deliveries from Poland do not suffice to cover railroad requirements,
locomotives still have to be fired with brown coal. Experiments to use a mixture of
raw brown coal and brown coal for locomotive firing were unsuccessful.⁴

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Comment. As 59,573 tons of hard coal represent 89,360 tons of briquette units and 1,269 tons of raw brown coal represent 508 tons of briquette units, a total of 136,789 tons of briquette units was available on 3/4 April. According to the daily coal consumption quota of 23,300 tons, total coal stocks were adequate for 5.9 days' requirements.

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Comment. As bauxite is mined in open cut mines, it is possible that no bauxite was hauled and exported during the severe frost in January. Bauxite imports to East Germany in December, with a total of 6,160 tons, were already far below the normal level.

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